

# LIBRARY SERVICES



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## Take Advantage of Drop-In Library Workshops

Each semester librarians offer a number of drop-in workshops. These sessions are open to the university community (students, faculty, and staff) on a first come first served basis.

### Finding Journal Articles – ML 81

Learn how to locate high quality journal articles using the Library's online databases.

Thursday, November 1	12:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, November 7	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, November 13	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

### Citation Creation Tools – ML 81

Learn how specific library databases can automatically create citations in styles such as APA and MLA. A general overview of RefWorks (an online program that creates bibliographies and in-text citations) is included!

**Note:** *This workshop does not teach how to interpret citation styles but describes which databases generate citations electronically.*

Tuesday, October 30	12:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Friday, November 9	12:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, November 29	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

For additional information about the workshops and other available instruction options, contact librarian **Justine Martin** at 507-389-2251 or e-mail: justine.martin@mnsu.edu.

The Minnesota State Mankato Department of Art and Library Services will host a public showing of

## art : 21 art in the twenty-first century

Come see this exciting four-part PBS series on contemporary artists. A different show in the series will be presented each Sunday evening in the ERC.

**Sundays:** October 28, November 4, 11, 18

**Time:** 9:00 P.M.

**Location:** ML 45

(ERC, lower level of the Library)

## RSS News Feeds Are Coming!

The Library will soon have the ability to include RSS news feeds on the Library's home page, using myMNSUPortal to enter "news you can use" from your Library. The Portal will provide an easy way for the Campus to keep up with the latest library news items, including information on new books and DVDs, upcoming workshops and upcoming database trials.

## The Chronicle of Higher Education The Chronicle of Philanthropy

### Now Available Online at Minnesota State Mankato

The University Library, in partnership with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Division of University Advancement, has established a campus site license to **The Chronicle of Higher Education** and **The Chronicle of Philanthropy** as a one-year pilot.

The Chronicle of Higher Education is the leading news source for college and university faculty members, staff, and administrators and claims more than 450,000 readers. The Chronicle of Philanthropy is the main news source, in print and online, for nonprofit and charity administrators, fund raisers, and grant makers.

**Academe Today**, the Chronicle of Higher Education's daily e-mail report, is available free, with no restrictions, as an added benefit to the campus site license. Starting immediately, anyone at our institution can use their mnsu.edu e-mail address to sign up for this popular e-mail newsletter, which summarizes the latest news in higher education and provides links to the complete news articles posted on The Chronicle's web site every day. For more information, see: <http://chronicle.com/help/emails/academetoday>.

Off-campus locations is available via the "Journals List" on the Library's web site, lib.mnsu.edu. Please send any feedback or comments to librarian **Casey Duevel** casey.duevel@mnsu.edu.



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## Access Data Sets Online through the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research

The Memorial Library is now able to provide access to **ICPSR** (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research). **NOTE:** Each user will need to create a personal login for this database.

The ICSPR database provides "...data resources, user support, and training in quantitative methods", which makes it "a vital resource for fostering inquiry and furthering the social sciences." Based at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan it has 550 member colleges and universities worldwide. For ICPSR assistance please contact **Scott Granberg-Rademacker** granbj@mnsu.edu or 507-389-6939.

### Fall Database Trials Are Up & Running

Visit the Databases A-Z web page to check out the new database trials currently available at Minnesota State Mankato: [eresources.lib.mnsu.edu](http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu) (see Alphabetical List)

Faculty, staff, and student input is greatly appreciated. If you find a database, marked with the "trial" icon, and would like to give feedback please fill out the survey that follows the description of the database. Most of the trials end October 31st, so take a look now before they are gone!

Trials available this fall include: Accounting and Tax with Standards, Cochrane Plus Collection, Defining Gender 1450-1910, Gale Directory Library, Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI), HeinOnline, History Reference Center, Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism, Nursing Reference Center, Nursing Resource Center, Oxford Language Dictionaries Online, SimplyMap, SPORTDiscus with Full Text, TumbleBook Library, TumbleReadables (coming soon), and Vanderbilt Television News Archive.

## What Minnesota State Mankato Students Are Saying about the Library

Students were asked recently what they thought about the Memorial Library being open until 2 a.m. These are some of their comments:

*"I like the late night hours after class. When my laptop is not working I don't have to bother my roommate."*

- Travis

*"I like the hours because I work late. Two a.m. is a good closing time. I rarely use the Library during the day. I'm usually at the Greek offices during the day, where I study. They have computers. Here I'm drawn by the environment and bright lights and not having the distractions of being at home."*

- Ashley

*"(The) hours work well for me, but I wish we had more floors open. It's noisier on the first floor."*

- Alecia

*"I would like the Library to open earlier than 7:30 a.m."*

-Anonymous

*"I think a lot of people use the library from midnight to 2:00, and I think a lot of people rely upon it being open so that they have a quiet place to do their homework."*

-Dan

*"The hours are very convenient to do late night study and to get things done."*

- Elias

**The seventh annual South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo**, open to anyone interested in researching family history, was held on campus Saturday, November 3 in Centennial Student Union. Author and genealogist Mary Bakeman spoke about "Targeting Military Research" at a general session. She discussed strategies for exploring an ancestor's military service and the valuable information that can be found in military records. This annual event is co-organized by the Minnesota State Mankato Library and the Blue Earth County Historical Society. For more information contact **Jessica Potter** (Blue Earth County Historical Society) at 507-345-5566 or **Daardi Sizemore** (Library) at 507-389-1029, or visit the South-Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo page: [lib.mnsu.edu/archives/genie/expo.html](http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/genie/expo.html).